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Editor

Financial note for families in the Baumholder area. There have recently been several family members who have paid their phone bill at the Dutche Post near the health clinic in Baumholder. Those payments have been credited to the wrong account and the families had their phone service disconnected. When asked to correct the problem Dutche Post said that for a 40 Euro fee they could research it and it may take as much as a year to figure it out. To avoid this challenge you may pay your bills at the Community bank where it is cheaper and resolution of these kind of issues is much easier.

If there is anyone who would like to receive this by email simply drop me a line and I will add you to the distribution list. ted.m.preister@us.army.mil

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HELLRAISERS



The Hellraisers would like to welcome their newest family members:

Angelina Jasmin Cummins was born 10 September 2003 at 10:27am. She is 6Lbs 13oz Sarah and Baby are healthy and happy!!

SSG Donna Mayo gave birth to Joshua Mayo on 29 Aug 03 Both mother and Baby are well.

REGULARS

Appreciation Comes with Time

By SPC Roy A. Mullis

With so much time together now, the soldiers in Task Force Regular have grown to respect and appreciate each other even more than before. Whether it is the additional security now provided by Alpha Company or the DFAC Platoon's delicious meals, soldiers have recognized that their fellow Companies and Platoons have much to offer towards the betterment of the Battalion.

One of the best things to happen to the soldiers of Camp Regular was the welcoming of their brothers from Alpha Company into their home. The move from the University into the Forward Operations Base (FOB) is good not just for that Company, but the whole Battalion. Alpha Company's presence provides additional security that is welcomed with open arms. Unfortunately, the move to FOB Regular did not get rid of all the problems faced at FOB Attack. Adequate power and air conditioning continue to plague them, but creativity and hard work should resolve these issues by the end of this week.



Bravo Company soldier takes custody of Uday Hussin's BMW Z-1.

If there was a negative impact caused by Alpha Company's relocation to FOB Regular it has to be the line for hot meals. The delicious meals prepared by HHC's DFAC section have always inspired lines. With the new additions the line for the dinner meal in particular has grown to an average wait of more than ten minutes. You won't find the soldiers complaining





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though. The high quality meals are worth a little patience.

One meal of note was the recent Labor Day Dinner. Using 60,000 BTU stoves in 130° heat the DFAC section prepared a feast. Soldiers weren't offered the choice between the hamburgers, steaks, or hot wings being served; they were given all three! It's not just special meals like these that have earned the DFAC Section respect. Regular well-prepared meals, dedication to maintenance, and daily logistical re-supply are examples of some of the exemplary jobs that the Food Service Specialists of 1-6 perform. Bravo Company gained bragging rights with the capture of two of the late Uday Hussein's automobiles. One of the vehicles was a Cadillac; the other was a unique BMW Z-1. This BMW's doors don't open like a standard auto – they retract downward. Soldiers from all across the battalion visit the car in order to have their picture taken with it.



Cooks prepare for the Labor Day Feast.

Not only has Bravo earned the respect of her sister companies in the battalion, some of her soldiers have learned an appreciation of the others they work with. The rifle platoons and Bradleys are the backbone of the striking power of the Company, but it is Headquarters Platoon that performs the multitude of tasks that insure the fighters have the beans, bullets and equipment needed to accomplish the mission. As SPC Hector Barajas said, after his recent transfer to Headquarters Platoon, "I never realized how hard these guys have to work."

The streets of Baghdad have been made a little safer for all thanks to Charlie Company. FSO 2LT Todd Marable received a tip from locals about a group of thieves and rapists holed up in a building. Almost immediately upon receiving this information, CPT Joe Ewers sent his men into action. Second Platoon, led bravely by 2LT Dominique Shaw, acted like the "Commandos" they were named for as they stormed into the building. The two vile men hiding inside were quickly apprehended. These criminals will now have to answer to the new justice system and will not plague Baghdad again for some time. Special recognition was extended to SPC Aaron Carvalho, SGT Richard Aduamah, PFC Shawn Jones and SGT Jason Bergman for their exceptional professionalism during the mission.

Sometimes people never notice what others do. Sometimes people grow tired of seeing the same faces day in and day out. And then sometimes the true professional recognizes his need for others and appreciates the men he now calls brothers.

Regulars...By God!

GATORS

The Gators congratulate SGT Neil Crittenden and his wife Shannon on their 5th wedding anniversary on September 12th.

CHAPLAIN CORNER

The pivotal events of "9-11" will be commemorated in a solemn ceremony today in Chapel One at Baumholder. The *Second Anniversary* observance begins at 1100 with music and a recitation of the soldiers' Code of Conduct, and will conclude about 1130 with remarks by 222nd BSB Commander LTC Buchs. In between, five chaplains will juxtapose patriotic hymn verses with brief meditations on loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage. (*Sample meditation printed below*) Everyone in the Baumholder Military Community is invited to attend.

Volunteers are welcome to help with the *Hometown Care Downrange* project scheduled for Saturday, October 4. POC Chaplain Bob Francis, DSN 485-7100, asks volunteers to start assembling soldier-care packages at the Rheinlander Inn at 1000. Expect a festive atmosphere of goodwill and





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sharing. Packages will be finished and bundled off by 1400.

You're in BMC and you hold a valid Class II USAREUR license to drive a bus? Chaplain Horning wants to recruit you to drive 32 marvelously well-behaved teenagers to the Youth Retreat at 1700 on Friday September 19, and pick them up the following day at 1400. Please volunteer: DSN 485-7295.

Just as married soldiers should absorb *the Re-integration* briefing before returning to their Baumholder families, so also those in BMC need to attend the corresponding briefings on base. To help couples ease back into "normal life", Chaplain Anderson is leading discussions in *the Reuniting Lives and Families* series held at the ACS, Bldg. 8746, 2nd Floor. Come Wednesdays 0900-1100 (1800-2000 on first Wednesdays monthly). Call ACS for details (06783-68188).

Major Heather Pickett, flight surgeon, recently sang two verses of the Star-Spangled Banner on a public occasion. We all know the first verse, which comes to mind before the movie rolls in our theaters. Now's a good time to practice also F.S. Keys' second verse: *O thus be it ever, when free men shall stand between their loved homes and the war's desolation: blessed with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation! Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just; and this be our motto, IN GOD IS OUR TRUST. O say, does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave, o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Striking Scripture -

In keeping with themes of the 9-11 observance, this week's Scripture is *Matthew 20:20-28*, and especially verse 28. The context: Two disciples of Jesus, the "sons of thunder" (James and John Ben-Zebedee), asserted themselves in wanting Jesus to award them high positions in His kingdom. The other ten disciples went ballistic at their audacity. Jesus calmly reminded them that such prideful demands occur in the world, but have no place in the Body of Christ. Sure, the Saddams and Idi Amins of this mad world will lord it over their subjects with more and more cruelty and wild self-indulgence until they are stopped. But, Jesus said to the disciples, *"Not so with you!"* Then come His famous words: *Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be*

your slave --just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." The following remarks on "selfless service" presuppose these words and the effectively atoning death of Jesus.

Chaplain Horning's Reflections on Selfless Service:

A wounded soldier recently told me how he was injured in Iraq. He and his buddy on patrol had stopped in the village to receive greetings from a dozen children and an old grandmother. Suddenly a young man ran up and rolled a grenade at the whole group, then fled. The American soldier instantly reached out to enfold as many children as he could. When the grenade exploded, the soldier's body absorbed the shrapnel, but the children he sheltered were not harmed. The same blast killed the old grandmother and several children; it also maimed the two soldiers. Both soldiers realized the attacker had aimed at them; certainly they would be hurt. But that young American soldier also deliberately used his own body to save the lives of Iraqi children. In that he found satisfaction.

Twenty-six hundred years ago, a weak king of Judah allowed wicked men to throw the prophet Jeremiah into a deep pit so he would die. But an Ethiopian named Ebed-Melech (which means *servant of the king*), risked his own life to plead for that of Jeremiah. He found some men to help him, and lowered a padded rope down to the suffering prophet. Then Ebed-Melech pulled Jeremiah out of the pit. God pronounced a blessing on Ebed-Melech. (*Jeremiah 38:1-13, 39:16-18*)

About two thousand years ago, a wicked conspiracy of worldly men and the devil himself arranged to kill the most heroic man the world has ever seen. This Man, blameless and holy, who *did all things well*, was more than their victim: He directed His own participation. The Bible identifies Him as the Good Shepherd Who laid down His life for the sake of His "sheep".

All three of these exemplary men - Christ Jesus the Lord of glory, Ebed-Melech an Ethiopian who served the king, and an American soldier whose name I know and whose mangled hand I have touched - all of them show us the meaning of selfless service.

Two years ago today, in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the air above Pennsylvania, an





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ideal of selfless service was burned into our national memory. Hundreds of firefighters, policemen, and ordinary citizens laid down their lives attempting to rescue others. When our day of testing comes, may our Lord give us the clear vision and courage to act with the words, "Let's roll!"

Community Announcements

40th EN next FRG Meetings are

B CO/HHC 1600 Sat. 13 Sep BBQ at the Rheinlander

C 1-6 FRG will be having a meeting on 15 SEP at the 1-6 YRR

47th FSB Next FRG Meeting. 22 Sep 03, at 1800 hr at the Wagon Wheel theater, 27 Sep 03, at 1300-1430 we will be making card for the kids to send to their parents downrange.

September events

24 LINKS

27 Care Fair, Hall of Champions, 10am-4pm

30 Town Hall Meeting

Care Fair

Date: Saturday, 27 Sep 03

Time: 1000 – 1600

Location: Hall of Champions

Commissary Hours

Construction has been postponed while they decide what additional improvements will be made. The hours starting 1 September will be 1000-1900 except Thursdays 1000-2000.

Oil Change

Baumholder Auto Skills Center is now offering oil change services after hours! On Tues-Fri after 5 pm and on the weekends from 10 am – 5 pm, you can get your oil changed! Standard oil change is \$19.95, synthetic is \$39.95 and both include oil and filters! To make your appointment call DSN 485-6344.

Personal Trainer

Want to make sure your workout is the best way to get results? Consult the Baumholder Personal Trainer! She will walk you thru the correct way to do

the moves and what will work best for the results you wish to achieve! For more information call 06783-186426.

NEW AEROBICS CLASSES

Baumholder Sports and Fitness will be offering NEW aerobic classes on Smith, Neubruecke and Wetzel Kasernes. Classes are 12 for \$25 and all fees must be paid to the instructor. The class schedule is as follows:

Straussburg Gym MWF 0900

Mountaineer Gym TWTH 1145

Hall of Champions MWF 1645

Neubruecke Gym TTH 1800 SAT 0900

Water Aerobics

Dates: Tuesday and Thursday

Time: 1800 – 1900

Location: Rec Emporium

CYS

Saturday, 20 Sep 03, 1800 – 2200

Smith CDC (Infants – Kindergarten).....\$10/child

Smith SAS (1st – 6th grade).....\$6/child

Payment due when reserving a spot

Must be registered with CYS

Reserve by 11 Sep 03 (spaces limited)

Smith CDC 485-6461 Smith SAS 485-6641

Carlotta James at DSN 485-6852

Youth Services Events

12 Sep 03 – Back to School Dance at the Underground

Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

20 Sep 03 – High School Dance at the Teen Cafe

Cost: \$3 for members, \$5 for non-members

Check our Web site:

www.baumholder.army.mil/youthsite/html/ys.htm

Youth Winter Sports

Basketball – \$30 for first child, \$27 for second

Cheerleading – \$20 for first child, \$18 for second

Registration ends 5 Dec 03

Minimum 5 years old

Winter sports season: Practice starts in December

Games begin in January





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Outdoor Rec Tours

Six Flags – Belgium 13 Sep
Bad Duerkheim Weinfest 13 & 20 Sep
Six Flags – Holland 20 Sep
White Water Kayaking 27 Sep
Oktoberfest Munich 04 Oct
Werner Graf at DSN 485-7182

Rheinlander Events

Monday Night Movie Night
Tuesday night kids' night with
– kids' movies in the restaurant
Wednesday Night Buffet
Saturday Night Schnitzel Night
Saturday Market on Sept 20
Free Concert, HOT MOLINA (a Latin Band) 2
October 1900
Amy Gee at DSN 485-7507

Community Level Basketball

The Baumholder Sports Office is looking for a few good men and women! If you are 18 years of age or older, no longer in high school, and would like to be a proud member of the Baumholder Bears or Lady Bears basketball teams, call DSN 485-7176 for more information.

Host Nation Sponsored Events

12-16 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
14 Sep 03 Farmers & Art Market at Berglangenbach
19-22 Sep 03 Bad Dürkheimer Wurstmarkt
20-22 Sep 03 Baumholder City Fair Market on
Monday (22)
26-28 Sep 03 City Fest at Oberstein
4 Oct 03 Flea market at Homburg/Saar
6 Oct 03 Market at Kirn
11-12 Oct 03 Environmental exhibition at Kusel
11 Oct 03 Team Duathlon at Kusel
12 Oct 03 Crafts & Farmers market at Kirn
12 Oct 03 Birkenfeld City Fest
18-19 Oct 03 Hobby artist exhibition, Brühlhalle
Baumholder
25 Oct 03 Flea market at Metz, France
Madeleine Dwoiakowski, 485-1600

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE PRACTICES

Dates: Tue & Thu
Time: 1800 – 2000
Location: Soldier Field

Post Wide Yard Sale

The 222d BSB Semi-Annual Post-Wide Yard Sale is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. 13 Sept 2003 in all of Baumholder's government housing areas. All sales are for U.S. ID card holders only and all property must be removed by 6 p.m.

Baumholder Education Center

August brings in a variety of educational opportunities for the *Baumholder* community. Adult Ed class dates through October 10, 2003

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| Conversational German I | \$40 |
| Monday & Wednesday | 0900-1100 |
| Or Monday & Wednesday | 1800-2000 |
| English as a Second Language | NO CHARGE |
| Wednesday & Friday | 1130-1230 |
| Sign Language | \$40 |
| Tuesday & Thursday | 1800-2000 |
| Functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) | |
| 08-22 Sept 03 | |
| Automotive Service Exams (ASE) | |
| November 2003 | |

Reminder Army Emergency Relief (AER) Spouse Education Assistance Program Term 2 deadline – 29 Sept 03 AER will pay up to 50% of an active duty spouse's tuition at local colleges.

Application Deadlines: New financial aid forms for 2003-04 now available.

Visit the Education Center in building 8332 or call 485-7557

Register by September 4, 2003 UMUC and Central Texas College (CTC) begin registration for Term I August 1, 2003 Now offering classes in Criminal Justice, Automotive Technology, and Early Childhood Education

Education Center is open from 0800-1700 HRS. Financial aid applications are available for the 2003-2004 school year. For more information, call 485-7557.





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FREE AND REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH PROGRAM

For information concerning applications for the program, please contact Army Community Service (ACS), Bldg 8746 at DSN 485-8188 or CIV 06783-6-8188. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700, with the shortest waiting times between 0800 and 1200.

This year you **will be required** to show proof of income (latest end of the month LES/pay stubs for spouse's income), kindergeld amounts, child support, **any** additional income, etc. **THEREFORE, ALL EXTRA DEPLOYMENT INCOME WILL BE COUNTED.** We will, **also**, need to see concurrent travel orders to the Baumholder community (showing the student's name) in order for us to determine eligibility. Only one application per family is required. For questions or for more information contact: Donna Vielma, Financial Readiness Specialist at 06783-6-8188

ACAP Services

Open House Job Fair – 28 September in Heidelberg
The Village Pavilion – Patrick Henry Village
www.morejobs.net

Relocation Assistance for Spouses

If your spouse is currently deployed but has received orders to relocate, don't delay planning and organizing your move! You can take care of many move-related tasks before your spouse returns to Baumholder. The more you get done now, the less stressful your move will be: an added bonus, the more quality time your family gets to spend together when the soldier returns from the deployment.

The Baumholder ACS invites all spouses to schedule individualized relocation planning consultations. Whether the service member is currently deployed or in Baumholder, spouses can obtain the same quality assistance as the service member. We will provide you with a comprehensive packet about your new location, as well as information to help you organize a smooth move. Relocation assistance is available whether the move is a PCS move or the service member is retiring or separating from the Army.

Please call ACS at 485-8188 or 06783-68188 for information and to schedule an appointment.

FORCE PROTECTION

Security awareness

As we draw closer to the commemoration of 9-11 events, we must continue to re-commit ourselves in being active participants in anti-terrorism and force protection. We all need to keep our ears and eyes open and report immediately the following:

- Suspicious individuals or suspicious behavior.
- Photographing or videotaping of U.S. installations or facilities.
- Individuals who appear to surveil gates, FP operations, etc.

- Attempts to obtain information about U.S. military activities or related information.

- Suspicious vehicles or objects "out of place".

While you are not asked to put yourself in harm's way, pay attention to details that law enforcement authorities will need to track down the offender:

- Description of the vehicle (license plate if possible, color, make, etc.)
- Description of individuals (race, color, built, clothing, # of passengers, activities, etc)
- Description of activities (photographing, videotaping, taking notes, parked and observing, etc.)
- Direction of travel

Be patient and cooperative at the gates. Random antiterrorist measures are needed to detect and deter.

You are reminded that we all play a vital part in anti-terrorism and force protection, and with your help, we may be able to detect and prevent possible terrorist attacks. There is no reason to panic, all we need to do as a whole, is to: **DETER, DETECT, AND PROTECT**, in the most effective way.

REPORT ALL SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES TO: BHR MP DESK, DSN 485-7546/7547 OR CIVILIAN 06783-6-7546/7547.

